

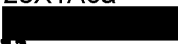

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The following information is the result of an investigation into sugar prices and overhead costs of all Austrian sugar factories. The investigation was made at the direction of the Austrian Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry because the sugar factories showed a loss of 9 million schillings for last year, and the Government planned an investment of 5 million schillings to bolster sugar beet prices. The chief investigator found a total loss of 7½ million schillings, and as a result of his investigation revealed the following data concerning the Brucker Zuckerfabrik in Bruck a.d. Leitha.


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1. For the business year 1946-47 (October 1946 - September 1947), the Russian-administered factory in Bruck had realized gross receipts of 4,303,000 schillings as of a certain date in July. This figure included receipts of

4,000,000 schillings for sugar
155,000 schillings for molasses
148,000 schillings for cane scraps (Abfallschnitzel)

Of this 4,303,000 schillings total, 541,500 schillings was paid to the Russian administration (USIVA, which has taken over the functions of the former central administration office in Bruck) as administrative costs. Included in these administrative costs were the salary and maintenance of the Russian General Director, Lupalo.

2. In addition to the amount of the administrative costs, USIVA charged an agent's commission of 2 schillings per 100 kg of sugar, for a total of 78,480 schillings. According to a statement of Lupalo, the administrative expenses will not change. In the event of a sales increase, the percentage rate allocated for administrative expenses will be lowered, so that the present level of administrative expenses will remain about the same.
3. It is noteworthy that the Brucker Zuckerfabrik at the present time owes the Russian Military Bank in Starhembergasse about 2 million schillings for investments, loans, etc.
4. The present Austrian director of the Brucker Zuckerfabrik is one Krissan, a former locksmith's apprentice who emigrated to Russia in 1934. After the entry of the Russians into Vienna in 1945, he was brought back and placed in his present position. According to information received, Krissan has no power at Brucker. All decisions made by him must receive the approval of Lupalo.

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